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SUBJ: MBFR: REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE ON REPORTED STATEMENTS BY
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

1. AT THE SEPTEMBER 5 NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL MEETING
ON THE ALLIED POSITION TOWARDS MBFR, WE MAY RECEIVE
INQUIRIES ABOUT PUBLISHED REPORTS OF SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S
STATEMENTS ON MBFR DURING HIS AUGUST 30 PRESS INTERVIEW.

2. BELGIAN DELEGATION HAS ASKED THE MISSION FOR THE
TRANSCRIPT OF THE SCHLESINGER INTERVIEW, WHICH THE
INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE REPORTED AUGUST 31 AND THE
TIMES REPORTED SEPTEMBER 1, APPARENTLY ON THE BASIS OF
GETLER WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE. GETLER QUOTES SCHLESINGER
AS POINTING OUT THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE LESSER TRANSPORTATION
CAPABILITIES THAN THE U.S. AND AS SAYING THAT "IT IS
POSSIBLE" THAT THE U.S. MIGHT NOT RPT NOT INSIST ON "UNEQUAL
PERCENTAGE" CUTS IN MBFR. TIMES, HOWEVER, REPORTS SCHLESINGER
AS STATING THAT THE U.S. MIGHT NO LONGER CALL FOR A "LARGER"
SOVIET REDUCTION.

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3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION OF SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S
REPORTED REMARKS FOR USE IF NEEDED AT SEPTEMBER 5 NAC. WE
WOULD ALSO LIKE PRESS GUIDANCE AND, TO RESPOND TO BELGIAN

REQUEST, TRANSCRIPT OR SUMMARY OF MBFR PORTIONS OF INTERVIEW.
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